CLAIMS

1. A mobile terminal apparatus with an input section where a plurality of numeric keys combining a plurality of character keys are arranged, the mobile terminal apparatus comprising:

a candidate character storage section that, each time a character is input by the numeric keys, stores the input character as a candidate character;

a timer section that, each time the character is input by the numeric keys, times a predetermined time;

an input character determination section that determines whether or not the predetermined time has passed after the character was input; and

a voice output section that, when the input character determination section determines that the predetermined time has passed after the character was input, outputs voice corresponding to the candidate character that was stored in the candidate character storage section when the character was input.

2. The mobile terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the input character determination section determines whether or not a next character is input by the same numeric key or a different numeric key before the predetermined time passes; and

when the input character determination section

determines that the next character is input by the different numeric key before the predetermined time passes, the voice output section outputs voice corresponding to a candidate character that was stored in the candidate character storage section when a previous character was input.